MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

2020 CERTIFICATION

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

City of Forest

Public Water System Name

420002

List PWS ID #s for all Community Water Systems included in this CCR

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires each Community Public Water System (PWS) to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers each year. Depending on the population served by the PWS, this CCR must be mailed or delivered to the customers, published in a newspaper of local circulation, or provided to the customers upon request. Make sure you follow the proper procedures when distributing the CCR.

CCR DISTRIBUTION *(Check all boxes that apply.)*

INDIRECT DELIVERY METHODS *(Attach copy of publication, water bill or other)*	**DATE ISSUED**
☐ Advertisement in local paper *(Attach copy of advertisement)*	
☐ On water bills *(Attach copy of bill)*	
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☐ Posted online at the following address *(Provide Direct URL)*: _____	

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the CCR has been distributed to the customers of this public water system in the form and manner identified above and that I used distribution methods allowed by the SDWA. I further certify that the information included in this CCR is true and correct and is consistent with the water quality monitoring data provided to the PWS officials by the MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply.

W. Randall Seay Jr	Public Works Director	6-3-21
Name	Title	Date

SUBMISSION OPTIONS (*Select one method ONLY*)

You must email, fax (not preferred), or mail a copy of the CCR and Certification to the MSDH.

Mail: (U.S. Postal Service)
MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply
P.O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215

Email: water.reports@msdh.ms.gov

Fax: (601) 576-7800 (NOT PREFERRED)

CCR DEADLINE TO MSDH & CUSTOMERS: BY JULY 1, 2021

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(See Attached)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Mississippi
County of Scott

On the 9th day of June, 2021,

Personally came **Kim Thornton**, clerk, of **The Scott County Times**, a weekly newspaper established more than twelve months before the date first hereinafter, mentioned, printed and published in the City of Forest, County of Scott, State of Mississippi, before Me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, Who being duly sworn, deposes and says that a certain, **Legal Ad,** was published on the dates listed below as requested.

A copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said Paper 1 consecutive weeks, to wit:

June 9, 2021

_____, 2021

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Signed K Thornton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day Of June, 2021.

Lee Anne Palmer
Notary Public

CHANCERY CLERK SCOTT COUNTY, MS

LEE ANNE LIVINGSTON PALMER
CHANCERY CLERK, SCOTT CO., MS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 1, 2024

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